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In re: Heil et al.

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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

Dear Madam:

In response to the FINAL Office Action of March 21, 2005, Applicants request continued examination of the application based on the following submission and the fee set forth in § 1.17(e). A one-month extension of time is believed necessary, and Applicants authorize deduction of the government extension fee from the Deposit Account identified in the attached form. The submission includes a reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 to the final rejection, including arguments in support of patentability, as well as the amendments that follow:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

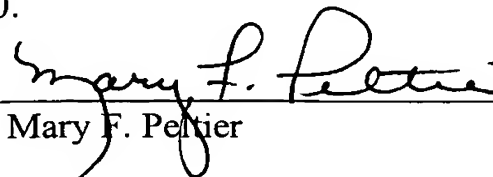
**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.

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